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L/M/SCA:CBLAKESLAY (INFO)

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BGEN, PFOR, GH

SUBJECT: JOHN ACKAH BLAY-MIEZAH

REF: ACCRA 6795

1. FBI INVESTIGATING REPORTS BLAY-MIEZAH VISITED FIVE
NEW YORK BANKS AND OBTAINED "STARTER" SETS OF CHECKS
READING OMAN GHANA TRUST FUND. BANKS CONTACTED BELIEVED
TO BE: CHEMICAL BANK, MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST,
BANKERS TRUST, CHASE MANHATTAN, AND AMERICAN BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY. BLAY-MIEZAH ALLEGEDLY THEN TRAVELLED TO
GEOFFREY'S BANK, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, AND PRESENTED FIVE
CHECKS - ONE FROM EACH BANK - EACH IN THE AMOUNT OF
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DOLLARS 30 MILLION.

2. CHEMICAL BANK RECEIVED LETTER FROM GEOFFREY'S BANK
ENCLOSING PHOTOCOPY OF FRONT AND BACK OF CHECK FOR
DOLLARS 30 MILLION. LETTER INQUIRED AS TO LEGITIMACY OF
CHECK AND INDICATED IF CHECK IS BONA FIDE, THE ORIGINAL
WOULD BE PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 24 IN NEW YORK CITY.

3. FOR BRUSSELS: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON GEOFFREY'S BANK.

4. FOR ACCRA: BELIEVE YOUR ACTION MENTIONED PARA FOUR
REFTEL IS ADEQUATE, OBVIATING PARA FIVE SUGGESTION. INGERSOLL

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